# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, On October 10, 1880, the First Baptist Church of Madison was organized on the shores of Lake Madison as an outreach of the traveling Chautauqua; and,

***Whereas***, The First Baptist Church building was built during the summer of 1881, and dedicated that fall; and,

***Whereas***, The First Baptist Church has been served by 47 pastors, a number of student pastors, and many featured guest speakers over the years of its existence, and special recognition needs to be given to the past and present members of this congregation who have faithfully conducted and carried out the wishes of the original founders of the church; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper for the governor to give special recognition to the First Baptist Church of Madison as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary in the life of this church:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2005, as

## *FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MADISON DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State